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28. (Amended) A nucleic acid encoding a chimeric polypeptide comprising serum albumin protein (SA) having a biologically active heterologous peptide sequence inserted therein, wherein the chimeric polypeptide exhibits increased biological activity relative to the heterologous peptide sequence itself.
29. (Amended) A delivery vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 28, 54, or 55.
30. (Reiterated) The delivery vector of claim 29, wherein said delivery vector comprises a virus or retrovirus.

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